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Claim 14. (Amended) An implant as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims,] claim 1 wherein the parasiticide compound makes up between 10 and 60% of the implant, by weight.

Claim 15. (Amended) An implant as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims,] claim 1 which is adapted for implantation into the ears of cattle or sheep.

Claim 16. (Amended) An implant as claimed in [any one of the preceding claims,] claim 1 which is rod-shaped.

Claim 17. (Amended) [Use] A process comprising the use of an antioxidant or a reducing agent in a formulation containing an avermectin or a milbemycin for preventing degradation of the avermectin or milbemycin.

Claim 18. (Amended) The [use] process as claimed in claim 17, wherein the formulation is suitable for sterilization, or has been sterilized, by irradiation.

Claim 19. (Amended) The [use] process as claimed in claim 17 or claim 18, wherein the formulation is not liquid.

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Claim 21. (Amended) A method for the treatment or prevention of parasitic infections which comprises administering an implant as defined in [any one of claims 1-16] claim 1 to an animal in need of such treatment.

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This preliminary amendment is being submitted to conform the present application which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP98/05720 to U.S. recommended format. No new subject matter has been added.

Applicant believes the present application contains patentable subject matter and earnestly requests allowance of all of the claims.

Respectfully,

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